

Eastern Arizona Type 2 Incident Management Team

Distillery / Castro / Chiminea Fire Updates

Monday, June 30, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

The Eastern Arizona Type 2 Incident Management Team (Pruett Small, IC) will be transferring command of the Castro Fire and Chiminea Wildland Fire Use Fire to Saguaro National Park at 6 p.m. today. Command of the Distillery Fire will be transferred to the Coronado National Forest then as well.

Saguaro National Park Fire Information – (520) 733-5150 (recorded message) or (520) 400-2932 www.nps.gov/sagu/parkmgmt/fire_updates.htm

Castro Fire (Saguaro National Park, east of Mica Mountain) – The 25 acre Castro Fire was ignited by lightning on June 26. The fire is currently inactive and is in patrol status.

Chiminea Wildland Fire Use Fire (Saguaro National Park, south of Madrona Canyon) – This 75 acre lightning-ignited fire started on June 26 and is being managed for resource benefits. Yesterday the entire perimeter of the fire was active, with low to moderate fire behavior. Fire managers anticipate only minimal fire intensity and rate of spread today, based on the effects of one-tenth of an inch of rain that fell on the fire yesterday afternoon. The fire is burning in heavy downed fuels, which are expected to continue burning until they receive significant precipitation. Smoke will be visible from Vail, AZ. Fire managers will continue to monitor the fire and take action as needed.

Trail closures at Saguaro National Park include: Miller Creek, Rincon Peak, Rincon Creek, Italian Springs, North Slope, Fire Loop, Spud Rock, Mica Mountain, Mica Meadow, Bonita, Cowhead Saddle, East Slope, Turkey Creek, Devil's Bathtub, Deerhead Springs, Switchback, Manning Camp (east of Grass Shack) and Heartbreak Ridge. Campground closures in Saguaro National Park include Manning Camp, Spud Rock, and Happy Valley Saddle. All off-trail areas within Saguaro National Park east of Douglas Springs and Manning Camp Trails are also closed.

Coronado National Forest Fire Information - (520) 388-8308 www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/

Distillery Fire (Coronado National Forest, 5 miles northeast of Vail, AZ) – The Distillery fire was ignited by lightning on June 21. The 7,950 acre fire continues to remain inactive, with only a few isolated smokes observed. It is now 85 percent contained. Fire managers will continue to monitor the fire. Crews are available for initial attack on any new starts in the area if needed.